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From: Sam McDonald <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:06 PM
To: PSC_Contact
Subject: [External] Testimony Regarding PSC Solar Subsidy Hearing

To Whom It May Concern,

I am a full-time resident of South Carolina and live in the town of Elgin (Kershaw County). I am [REDACTED] retired for 15 years, and have never worked in the solar power industry. When I heard about this hearing from a friend, I felt it was important for you to hear my voice and opinion.

I am not opposed to solar power or any other renewable. I am, however, opposed to any person or organization taking on a financial liability and then passing it on to others. If those utilizing solar power do not pay their fair share for transmission costs, it will be passed on to others. This is not only unfair (exactly like students who voluntarily take loans and then try to pass on their financial liabilities to others), but it builds an industry that feels they can always rely on subsidies to exist. If solar is going to be a part of our future it needs to be able to stand on its own without depending on others to survive. Subsidies may have been appropriate in the beginning, but just like nuclear power, now is the time for the industry to stand on its own.

Thank you for listening to my input.

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